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DURING A MEETING JANUARY 10 WITH NAPHY NYALUGWE, EDITOR INCHIEF OF THE PARTY-OWNED TIMES OF ZAMBIA, ZAPU LEADER JOSHUA NKOMO APOLOGIZED FOR THE ASSAULT ON TIMES REPORTERS BY ZAPU MEMBERS FOLLOWING THE DECEMBER SHOOTING INCIDENTS AT ZIMBABWE HOUSE (REFTELS). SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE FOLLOWING THE MEETING, NKOMO SAID THE SUBJECT WAS NOW CLOSED BECAUSE IT HAD BEEN SOLVED IN A "UNIP AND ZAPU" MANNER. NYALUGWE SAID HE WAS SATISFIED WITH THE APOLOGY, NOTING HIS PAPER HAD ALWAYS BENT OVER BACKWARDS TO SUPPORT THE RHODESIAN LIBERATUON STRUGGLE, AND EXPRESSED THE HOP THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN THE PAPER AND ZAPU WOULD REMAIN FRIENDLY. CLINGERMAN

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